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Today's Topics:

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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 8 Mar 93 07:03:24 EST
From: mcsun!sunic!psinnntp!psinnntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: A pair of coax <-> ladder line ???
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I've measured the loss of a pair of RG-174/U cables and found it
to be higher than a single run of RG-174. I don't see how the
efficiency can be all that high. Even 75 ohm transmitting twin
lead isn't that great (.42 dB loss/100 ft at 10 MHz, Amphenol
214-023--I don't think they make it anymore, though).

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In rec.radio.amateur.misc, kip@utxvms.cc.utexas.edu writes:

>I was once told that I can get the same efficiency benefits of open-wire line
>by using a pair of coaxial cables, shorting the shields together at both ends,
>and using the two center conductors as the actual antenna leads. My source
>told me that this was not only as efficient as ladder line but also gave most
>of the shielding benefits of coax, and that I could bury the cables or in
>general just not worry about what they ran close to the way I would with ladder
>line.

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Date: Mon, 8 Mar 1993 21:07:27 GMT

From: sdd.hp.com!hpscit.sc.hp.com!hplextra!hpl-opus!hpnmdla!alanb@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: Looking for opinions on two receivers

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, gleason@mwk.com writes:

> I have a couple of questions about receivers...

> When I first got interested in ham radio, circa 1965, the receiver
>I wanted most in the world was a BC-348. Now, many years later, I've
>thought of looking for one, but am wondering if a receiver that old
>is likely to be usable. I'm not wondering if it will be competitive
>with modern gear (obviously not), just wondering if a 40 year old
>tube radio will have rotted into uselessness by now...anyone out there
>used one lately?

My BC-348 still works fine. I long ago replaced the power supply
with a 115VAC unit. It can't compare with a good communications
receiver, but it is better than the "all band" SW radios you can
buy at the local consumer electronics emporium.

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Date: 8 Mar 93 19:30:27 GMT

From: ucdavis!othello.ucdavis.edu!ez006683@ucbvax.berkeley.edu

Subject: orbital elements

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello all,

I went looking for elements on archive.afit.af.mil I've ftp'd them from there before. I get a message saying that that service is no longer available. Any idea where these elements are available by FTP now?
thanks,
Dan

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Date: Tue, 9 Mar 1993 01:01:24 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!stanford.edu!Csl!kawai@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Subscribing to CQ HAM RADIO
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Kevin Purcell (N7WIM / G8UDP) asks:

| Has anyone got the info on subscring to this famous Japanese journal ...
| Do they take credit cards? Do they do 'gaijin' subscriptions?

For those who don't know, "CQ Ham Radio" is a monthly magazine published by CQ Publishing in Tokyo. This is one of the three top-selling monthlies for any topic or genre, according to the publisher. I've been unable to confirm that from a neutral party, but it true that you can't seem to find a bookstore or newstand that doesn't have it. The magazine is about an inch thick. The first one-third is filled with color ads, mostly for new gear by major manufacturers. The second one-third is the magazine itself. They sometimes carry useful information. To be fair, their editorial policy changed last year, and they carry more technical stuff than they did before. The third one-third of the magazine is filled with monochrome ads, mostly for parts, kits, and specialized gear. This is where you search for mail-order stores.

Enough of that ... so how to subscribe?

The one-and-only official method for overseas transcriptions is horrendously

expensive. You have to go through a subscription agency for shipping overseas. I don't have the latest issue here in my office, but I recall that the price was about 50,000 yen (more than 400 dollars). The magazine itself is 540 yen (about 5 dollars) a copy! How shameless to overcharge like this.

What I recommend you do is either one of the following:

- (1) Ask your friend in Japan to send the magazine to you. Including surface shipping, this should cost about 1,000 yen (about 9 dollars) a copy. Shipping takes about 4 to 6 weeks.
- (2) Buy copies at your local Japanese bookstore. If you live in a city with a large Japanese population (such as New York, San Francisco, or Los Angeles), you can find a Japanese bookstore. The store in my area sells "CQ Ham Radio" for about 13 dollars a copy. They get their books via air freight.

What I do personally is to ask my colleagues who work at the Tokyo office to bring over a copy when they come to the U.S. on business trips. This happens frequently enough, so I get a copy about once every three months.

Recently, I've become more attached to "Transistor Technology", also by CQ Publishing, which has more technical content.

Please send me email if you have any questions.

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Subject: too darn big!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

gcouger@olesun.okstate.edu (Gordon Cougar) writes:

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: One thing I can see that would help is, if rec.radio.info is available
: to every one, is to put all the things like Solar forecast, ARRL bulletins,
: Space News over there and not cross post them here. rec.radio.info is very
: well structured and IMHO the place for structured things. This group has
: very little structure and I like it that way. I am not, or only occasionally
: interested in DX reports ARRL reports and such. When I want them I know

: where to find them.
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: IMHO putting these reoccurring intems in rec.radio.info would make both
: groups less cluttered in the case of this group and more used in the case
: of rec.radio.info.
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I agree completely with Gordon, If it isn't available to all just mail it out like we do r.r.a.misc, in digest form. That said I have e-mailed to some of the people who post these informational bulletins in r.r.s.misc and have recieved responses from "thanks, I've already started posting to r.r.a.info instead" to I crosspost to both groups because that's the way it is set up." My question is: Why do we have both if things are generally crossposted? Now that we see this hasn't decreased the flow of informational bulletins significantly can we vote again? It seems that it serves more to keep discussion out of bulletins than to keep bulletins out of discussion. Even the organizer of the new group has told me that cross posting is the right procedure.

We don't need flame wars and we don't need bulletins in r.r.a.misc we need more misc. I really enjoy this newsgroup but I know enough to look in r.r.a.info to get my orbital elements.

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